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**Wayne Capistran hosts Field Day showcasing Limagrain  
Noted seed industry authority demonstrates high-yield LCS Albany  
for Minnesota farmers**

CROOKSTON, Minn., July 20, 2011 - Longtime Minnesota seed grower and distributor Wayne Capistran hosted an onsite agricultural field day demonstration, inviting farmers from the region to examine LCS Albany, a hard red spring wheat variety produced by Limagrain Cereal Seeds. Noted for its extremely high-yield output, LCS Albany appears as if it will break yield records in the area, and Capistran, an award-winning producer and promoter of high-quality certified seeds, was a natural fit to share results and performance data with local agriculture industry professionals.

"It has been such a privilege to build a working relationship with Wayne Capistran," said Blake Cooper, Senior Wheat Breeder for Limagrain Cereal Seeds. "He is an extremely professional seedsman, and provides such a valuable service to growers in the area. Being able to evaluate and quantify assertions about seed features, such as LCS Albany's high yield output per unit area, helps buyers make informed decisions, and Wayne is always willing to share his knowledge."

Capistran, who has been involved in certified seed production for decades, grows demonstration areas to establish the viability and leading characteristics of the high-grade seeds he advocates. He is not only highly educated about the products he tests, he is able to easily impart that knowledge and educate others, making him a valuable resource for farmers, Cooper said. "Buyers can rely on getting well-informed product opinions from Wayne Capistran," Cooper said. "Wayne is an asset, not just to seed developers like Limagrain, but particularly, to the farmers purchasing the products he grows and tests."

Cooper, who has been working for Limagrain Cereal Seeds since August 2010, is himself a significant asset to the agricultural industry, said Frank Curtis, Limagrain Cereal Seeds Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. "With more than 25 years of small grains breeding program management, and a history of breeding and releasing quality wheat varieties for the U.S. and Canadian markets, Blake is an industry leader that we're proud to have as a part of the Limagrain team," Curtis said. "His extensive wheat breeding expertise will serve the company well."

Cooper received his Bachelor of Science degrees in biology and chemistry from the University of Southern Colorado, and a Master of Science in plant pathology and a Ph.D. in plant breeding and genetics from Kansas State University. Prior to being hired as a senior wheat breeder for Limagrain's Upper Midwest U.S. division, he worked as an assistant research biochemist for the United States Department of Agriculture, a wheat breeder for AgriPro Seeds, a senior project leader for Hybritech Seed and as a senior research manager for Busch Agricultural Resources. He has been married to his wife, Richelle, for 32 years and has two children, one granddaughter, two Italian greyhounds and one miniature pincher. He enjoys fly fishing, sports, home brewing and building World War II scale model airplanes.

*Group Limagrain was founded in France in 1942. The farmer-owned company has 7,000 employees and is the largest seed company in the European Union. Fort Collins, Colorado, serves as the North American headquarters of Limagrain Cereal Seeds, the newest subsidiary of the Group Limagrain. LCS has regional research stations in Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota and Washington. For more information visit [www.limagraincerealseeds.com](http://www.limagraincerealseeds.com).*

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